



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/13-518

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Requires any telecommunications carrier that maintains a site on the World Wide Web or on the Internet to display on that site certain information concerning residential rates approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission. Requires that the disclosure be clear and conspicuous.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing
5 Section 13-518 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/13-518)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2005)

8 Sec. 13-518. Optional service packages.

9 (a) It is the intent of this Section to provide unlimited
10 local service packages at prices that will result in savings
11 for the average consumer. Each telecommunications carrier that
12 provides competitive and noncompetitive services, and that is
13 subject to an alternative regulation plan pursuant to Section
14 13-506.1 of this Article, shall provide, in addition to such
15 other services as it offers, the following optional packages of
16 services for a fixed monthly rate, which, along with the terms
17 and conditions thereof, the Commission shall review, pursuant
18 to Article IX of this Act, to determine whether such rates,
19 terms, and conditions are fair, just, and reasonable.

20 (1) A budget package, which shall consist of
21 residential access service and unlimited local calls.

22 (2) A flat rate package, which shall consist of
23 residential access service, unlimited local calls, and the
24 customer's choice of 2 vertical services as defined in this
25 Section.

26 (3) An enhanced flat rate package, which shall consist
27 of residential access service for 2 lines, unlimited local
28 calls, the customer's choice of 2 vertical services as
29 defined in this Section, and unlimited local toll service.

30 (b) Nothing in this Section or this Act shall be construed
31 to prohibit any telecommunications carrier subject to this
32 Section from charging customers who elect to take one of the

1 groups of services offered pursuant to this Section, any
2 applicable surcharges, fees, and taxes.

3 (c) The term "vertical services", when used in this
4 Section, includes, but is not necessarily limited to, call
5 waiting, call forwarding, 3-way calling, caller ID, call
6 tracing, automatic callback, repeat dialing, and voicemail.

7 (d) The service packages described in this Section shall be
8 defined as noncompetitive services.

9 (e) Any telecommunications carrier that maintains a site on
10 the World Wide Web or on the Internet must display on that site
11 the residential rates approved by the Illinois Commerce
12 Commission in any case that was docketed for hearing, including
13 cases arising under an alternative regulation plan and cases
14 that were resolved by an agreement of the parties approved by
15 the Commission. The display of regulated residential rates
16 shall include:

17 (1) the network access charge, which means the charge
18 to be connected to the carrier's network;

19 (2) the price for usage, which means the price for
20 placing telephone calls and the price for receiving
21 telephone calls;

22 (3) the terms and conditions affecting the price for
23 usage, including distance, duration, time of day, or other
24 variables that affect the cost of usage for the residential
25 consumer;

26 (4) the price of regulated vertical services when
27 purchased separately;

28 (5) the price of and the services included in packages
29 offered under this Section; and

30 (6) disclosure of all material terms and conditions of
31 package offerings, including, but not limited to, whether
32 the offering includes: (i) access, local calling, local
33 toll calling, long distance calling, and international
34 calling; (ii) any additional services; and (iii) any
35 additional fees and charges to be paid by the consumer.

36 The residential rate information required to be displayed

1 under this subsection must be clear and conspicuous, in type no
2 smaller than 12-point font, and shall be easily accessible from
3 the telecommunications carrier's home page.

4 (Source: P.A. 92-22, eff. 6-30-01.)